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1. The Ceskomoravska Kolben Danek plant in Chocen manufactures various types of refrigerators, about 60 percent of which are exported to the USSR.* Shortly after World War II this plant, which at that time manufactured only Sokol sports planes, became part of LET National Corporation. The manufacture of industrial refrigerators was begun at that time, and in the reorganization of 1950 the section of the plant producing refrigerators was separated from the rest of the factory and subordinated to CKD, Prague-Liben. At the present time, the two mutually independent plants, occupy the same plant site in Chocen. The CKD plant employs about 600 workers, including about 60 women. The plant manager is Faltys, about 50 years old, a Communist. His deputy is Frantisek Stajner, about 40 years old, a Communist. The workshop militia numbers about 35 men, armed with rifles. This militia serves the shops both of CKD and LET.
2. In March 1951 the prototype and production plans for a new refrigerator were received by the Chocen plant from CKD-Sokolovo in Prague. Production of parts of this refrigerator was begun in April. A total of 20 complete refrigerators were produced during April and May 1951. The production cost of one refrigerator was about 500,000 Kcs. All parts except the electric motors and some forgings were produced at the Chocen plant. Russian inspectors visit the plant monthly to accept the items for export to the USSR.
3. A small number of Sokol planes are still produced by the LET plant. It is believed likely that this production will be completely halted in the near future.

* Comment: This report confirms information on the Chocen plant received in [REDACTED]

Attachments: I Situation plant of the CKD and LET plants in Chocen
II Layout plan of the CKD and LET plants in Chocen, with key

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